



Offered by:

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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION OPPOSING QUESTION 2 ON THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

- WHEREAS:** Question 2 on the November Massachusetts General Election ballot would, if passed, repeal the state's Affordable Housing Law (Chapter 40B); and
- WHEREAS:** The Affordable Housing Law sets a reasonable goal of requiring each community to have at least 10% of its overall housing stock be affordable; and
- WHEREAS:** The Affordable Housing Law accounts for 80% of the affordable housing built outside the major cities in the Commonwealth since its passage forty years ago; and
- WHEREAS:** Business leaders throughout the Commonwealth, such as Paul Guzzi of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Rick Lord of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and Greg Vasil of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board have all publicly opposed Question 2; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute, the Affordable Housing Law has generated \$9.25 billion in construction and related spending over the past ten years, and the 21,000 units planned under the law going forward would create an additional \$10.42 billion in spending.
- BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** The Boston City Council, hereby assembled, resolves that the Council opposes Question 2 on the Massachusetts General Election Ballot and hereby encourages Boston residents to Vote No on Question 2.

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